



Bird BioBlitz Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 20

12 – 12:30 pm (PDT) Registration at Baker Hall in Baker, NV (pink building next to the church)

12:30 – 5 pm Workshops on Birds – Baker Hall

- **12:30 pm** Basic bird identification (Kevin Wheeler)
- **1:30 pm** Bird whistling (Mark Kirtley)
- **2 – 4 pm** Bird illustrating for kids & adults (Kristin Gjerdset/Miki Harder)
- **3 pm** Avian photography: Techniques and ethics (Neil Paprocki)
- **4 pm** Vanishing vultures: Ecology and conservation of nature's picker-uppers (Evan Buechley)
- **5 pm** Reptile Rapture (Bryan Hamilton)

6 pm Potluck dinner at Baker Hall Meet other participants over a delicious meal

7 pm Instructions for the next day (Gretchen Baker)

7:15 pm Birding along an Elevational Gradient (Great Basin Bird Observatory)

8 pm Owl Prowl—meet at Baker Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Morning Field trips to various destinations. Some field trips may require advance registration.

- **6 am – noon** Strawberry Creek—Mark and Lois Ports
- **6 am – noon** Snake Creek—Dave Henderson
- **7 am – noon** Pole Canyon—John Free and Melissa Renfro
- **7 am – 1 pm** Baker Lake Trail—Janice Gardner
- **7 am – 2 pm** Upper Lehman Creek (bring snowshoes; available to checkout at visitor center)—Neil Paprocki
- **7 am – 9 am** Picnic Area/Cave Springs-Kevin Wheeler
- **9 am – 11 am** Sewage ponds/Rowland Springs—Kevin Wheeler
- **9 am – noon** Osceola Ditch—Elisabeth Ammon
- **10 am – noon** South Fork Baker Creek—Kelly Colegrove

Afternoon-Talks/Activities about Birds- Baker Hall

1-3 pm Live Bird presentation by Southwest Wildlife Foundation

3 pm Bird illustration workshop—will continue on side during next talks (Miki Harder/Kristin Gjerdset)

3:30 pm The ecological significance of birds, or how to convince your friends that birds are important and you're not crazy (Jordan Herman)

4 pm Raptor migration in the Great Basin (Neil Paprocki)

4:30 pm Land Snails—What are they and where do they live? (Mark Ports)

8 pm (optional) Astronomy Program



Bird BioBlitz Schedule (continued)

SUNDAY, MAY 22 – International Biodiversity Day

Morning Field trips to various destinations.

Some field trips require advance registration. Field trips vary from very easy to strenuous and from a couple hours to all day.

- **6 am – noon** Strawberry Creek—Mark and Lois Ports
- **6 am – noon** Backcountry Birds (difficult terrain, exact location tbd)—Neil Paprocki
- **6 am – noon** Snake Creek—Dave Henderson
- **7 am – 9 am** Sewage ponds/Rowland Springs—Janice Gardner
- **7 am – noon** Timber Creek—Kevin Wheeler
- **8 am – 11 am** Lehman Creek—Kelly Colegrove
- **8 am – 11 am** Baker Creek trailhead to Grey Cliffs—John Free and Melissa Renfro
- **9 am – 11 am** Picnic Area/Cave Springs-Janice Gardner

Noon-Finale lunch, sponsored by the Great Basin Foundation,
Preliminary results talk, and **Raffle prizes** from Western National Parks Association

-All times Pacific Daylight Savings Time

-All times and activities subject to change



Bird BioBlitz Additional Information

What to Bring

- Binoculars
- Bird guides
- Camera
- Headlamps for owl prowls
- Pencils
- Warm and cool weather gear
- Sunglasses/sun hat/sunscreen
- Phone (we will be using eBird and iNaturalist, so having a way to input data would be great. Some cell service available; wifi at the Lehman Caves VC).
- Rainjacket/poncho
- Food for potluck Friday at Baker Hall
- Other food and snacks
- Water
- GPS (if you have one)
- Camping gear (if camping)
- Sense of curiosity!

Camping

Free camping is provided for Bioblitz participants. No reservations necessary. We will have camping available in all the park campgrounds so that you can get an early start recording birds. Pick up a fee waiver when you register. If you'd like more info about camping, check out this link: <http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/camping.htm>

If you prefer a bed or want to know where you might be able to have someone else prepare your food, you can learn more about area businesses (motels, convenience stores, cafes, etc.) at: <http://www.greatbasinpark.com/>

For more information

Contact Gretchen_Baker@nps.gov or 775-234-7541.

Check out the [park's BioBlitz webpage](#)

Read all about a previous BioBlitz in the park's resource management newsletter, *The Midden*

Read about BioBlitzes in *Park Science*

For more about the park, see: <http://www.nps.gov/grba>

Park map: http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/upload/GRBA_Park_Map_2012.pdf

Sign up!

If you sign up in advance, you will get a special surprise when you arrive. Plus we will be able to plan better if we have an approximate count beforehand.

Here's what we need (send to Gretchen_Baker@nps.gov):

- Name
- Email
- Cell Phone
- Number in your group
- If camping, where would you like to camp? (Some trips will be leaving from campgrounds.)

Thanks for your interest and participation in the 2016 Centennial Bird BioBlitz at Great Basin National Park! See you May 20-22, 2016.